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Who will follow DeMint?

Haley will decide; Scott
seen as front-runner

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U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint's abrupt resignation to lead a conservative Washington think tank gives Gov. Nikki Haley a golden ticket to appoint a close ally to one of the country's most coveted jobs.

And if some Lowcountry advocates get their way, the pick will be Charleston's Republican U.S. Rep. Tim Scott, whom many consider the early and likely front runner.

For now, Haley's office is not disclosing a timetable or a favorite, though the governor said she has no designs on the seat for herself. "I think that it is very important that we stick with somebody who is conservative and strong and is a fighter," she said on an Upstate radio program Thursday when asked about the vacancy.

DeMint, 63, was not expected to seek re-election when his second six-year term ends in 2016, but still stunned many when he announced that

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GALLERY: For more photos of Sen. Jim DeMint, go to postandcourier.com/galleries.

POLL: Should Gov. Nikki Haley appoint U.S. Rep. Tim Scott to Jim DeMint's U.S. Senate seat? Go to postandcourier.com to vote.

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Some possible Haley choices

Gov. Nikki Haley will name a successor to fill the next two years of Republican Jim DeMint's vacated Senate term, making it the most closely watched appointment of her career.

Her office has not indicated when the announcement will come. A special statewide election will be held in November 2014 to fill the seat's final two years.



BRIAN HICKS

DeMint's politics wore thin

Jim DeMint has decided that he's better off perching to the chair.

Which is probably a good move, because a lot of folks in the congregation were getting tired of him.

South Carolina's junior senator announced Thursday that he was resigning his seat to take a job as leader of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank.

The folks there will fawn over him, hang on his every word and probably convince him that he would make a fine president.

That might be what DeMint wants to hear, and it's a decidedly better future than he faced in the Senate.

For the past few years, DeMint has tried to pack the Senate with like-minded ultra-conservatives who seemed to be opposed to just about everything. If his gambit had worked, he might have been looking at



Likely front-runner

U.S. Rep. Tim Scott, R-S.C. The only black Republican in the House has a second-term congressman who is strongly supported by Main Street and tea party Republicans, putting him on same political page as Haley. He already has Senate ambitions.



Safe choice, short-term

Former S.C. Attorney General Henry McMaster. He's been out of politics since his unsuccessful run for governor in the 2010 GOP primary against Haley. McMaster became a Haley ally soon after dropping out of the race.



Safe choice, big Rolodex

Former House Speaker David Wilkins of Greenville. He led Haley's gubernatorial transition team and remains visible as chairman of Clemson University's Board of Trustees. Wilkins also served as President George W. Bush's ambassador to Canada.



Wild choice, won't happen

Gov. Nikki Haley. She could resign the governor's job and ask her successor, Lt. Gov. Glenn McConell, to nominate her. Former Gov. Donald Russell did this in the 1960s. On Thursday, Haley said it's not in the cards.



Up-and-coming choice

Attorney General Alan Wilson. Like Haley, Wilson is a Midlands Republican in the Lexington County style. He's a son of senior U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson R-S.C.

Longshots

Other members of the state's congressional delegation. In addition to Scott, South Carolina has five other House Republicans.

HACKED THE AFTERMATH OF THE CYBERATTACK

Banks to get data on files breached

Account holders
will be notified

BY BRENDAN KEARNEY
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The S.C. Department of Revenue has received judicial approval to release the 3.7 million bank account numbers compromised in the recent hack to banks and credit unions so they can determine which taxpayers' accounts are at risk.

Richland County Judge James R. Barber III signed the order this week in Columbia approving the data transfer and dictating how it should be done, according to the court documents and Fred L. Green III, president and CEO of the S.C. Bankers Association, who attended the proceeding.

The Revenue Department had to go to court because the agency is not permitted under state law to release the information to the banks without a "proper judicial order." The banks now can request their account numbers, and Barber ordered the agency to provide them "as expeditiously as possible."

Green presumed that would mean "in the next several weeks," he said Thursday.

Green called the arrangement "a

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Attacker glad he got caught

'You done messed up,' he told himself

BY GLENN SMITH
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When Charleston County police caught up with Lucas Crawford on a spring day in 1977, the 24-year-old ex-con told them he was grateful they had stopped him from hurting more women.

Crawford had approached five women in less than a week's time and plunged a knife into each one after chatting them up on the street.

After stabbing his last victim three times in Lucas Crawford, the chest in North Charleston, he held in three homicides, he was sent to his sister's house for a bite to eat. But thoughts of the police closing in nagged at his mind.

"I am glad you all caught up with me because I could not sleep at night because I thought the police were outside," he told investigators in a



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ON THE ROAD AGAIN Willie Nelson in Columbia on Saturday, **IN WEEKEND**

WILL SCOTT REPLACE RESIGNING DEMINT?

Exit pulls conservative hero, political thorn from Senate

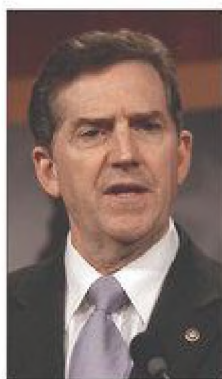
By JAMES ROSEN
McClatchy Newspapers

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DeMint worked closely with the group during his rapid rise from virtually unknown lawmaker to a conservative kingmaker, bankrolling Senate candidates and defying party leaders in order to slash

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FILE PHOTOGRAPH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He may be front-runner but Haley could name caretaker

By ANDREW SHAIN
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Gov. Nikki Haley must weigh whether the next U.S. senator from South Carolina will be Jim DeMint's successor or just hold DeMint's seat until a special election in 2014.

DeMint's sudden resignation Thursday caught state politicians off guard, but that did not slow speculation about who the first-term GOP governor might choose to succeed Sen. Tea Party.



Scott

U.S. Rep. Tim Scott — a North Charleston Republican and, like DeMint, a Tea Party favorite — received much of the early attention.

DeMint told Haley that Scott, the only African-American Republican in Congress, was his choice as his successor, according to

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ONLINE: Who do you think Gov. Nikki Haley should name to the U.S. Senate? Register your opinion online at thestate.com.

INSIDE: U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint's statement and reaction, a look at the Heritage Foundation and a profile of DeMint. **Pages A10-11**

PEARL HARBOR

Pregnant, afraid as Japanese bombs fell

Woman retells her own story of 1941 attack on Hawaii

By JEFF WILKINSON
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Lois Samsel of Columbia was a recently married Army wife, pregnant and living in paradise in Hawaii in 1941. But she knew something was terribly wrong when her dog, Missy, started an unearthly howling about 7 a.m. one Sunday morning.

"She was crying. I mean just crying," said Lois Samsel Goforth, now 92 and living in Aiken. "We could hear all this artillery and planes. We were used to things like that. But I knew something was wrong because of Missy."

Goforth and her husband at the time, Jim Samsel, ran outside and saw planes flying low, their wings brushing the tops of eucalyptus trees that lined nearby Wheeler Army Airfield. At first Goforth thought they were American planes and waved at them. Then the shocking

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See a video clip of Pearl Harbor survivor Lois Goforth at thestate.com.

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INVESTIGATOR'S FINDINGS

RICHLAND COUNTY'S ELECTION MESS

What went wrong?

Many are blamed, no one disciplined in election that 'hit an iceberg'

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Richland County's election meltdown was a system failure by top election officials, including director Lillian McBride and the board that oversees the office, according to a preliminary report released Thursday.

"A series of unfortunate assumptions ... led us astray on Nov. 6," is how attorney Steve Hamm

summed up his assessment 30 days after the electoral fiasco widely considered among the state's worst.

"The election hit an iceberg, and nobody noticed up to and including the election," Hamm said as part of a 29-page, hour-long report that

still leaves key questions

Key findings from attorney Steve Hamm's preliminary investigation of Richland County's election debacle:

1 Elections director Lillian McBride, her top staffers and election board members were all to blame. **WHAT WE STILL DON'T KNOW:** Who specifically will be held accountable.

2 The election office had no comprehensive written plan for conducting an election — with procedures and checklists — under McBride or previous longtime director Mike Cinnamon.

3 Hamm found 102 more uncounted votes from the Spring Valley West precinct. That's on top of 27 uncounted votes discovered last week. **WHAT WE STILL DON'T KNOW:** The correct number of ballots cast Nov. 6

4 A part-time employee claimed McBride revised the number of voting machines needed down to 605 from 864. Hamm found no evidence McBride changed the number. That employee was responsible for overseeing the delivery of machines. Delivering the correct number of machines to each precinct is McBride's responsibility, Hamm said.



McBride

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Municipal officials should have more power over local affairs. **Page A14**

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Law firm to move to One

Smith Moore
Leatherwood to lease
two floors in tower

By Rudolph Bell

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The Smith Moore Leatherwood law firm is the latest organization to announce a presence in the One development under construction along Main Street, while Clemson University said it would consolidate all of its downtown programs there.

Lawyers with the firm said Thursday they will vacate their current offices in the SunTrust Building at the corner of Spring Street and McBee Avenue downtown and move to the 10th and 11th floors of One's larger office tower in early 2014.

"We try to be in prime locations in all our cities because we want to be part of the business community, and this does give us an opportunity to remind people that we're here in Greenville," said Robert R. Marcus, chairman of the firm's management committee.

The firm's 83 local employees are scheduled to move into 34,000 square feet at One in February of 2014, said Tod Hyche, partner in charge of the Greenville office.

Hyche said the office will have room to grow at One and should become more efficient by designing its own space.

Its lease for the top two floors in the SunTrust Building, where it's been for a decade, expires at the same time the move is planned, Hyche said.

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Robert Marcus, left, and Tod Hyche said Smith Moore Leatherwood will move to One in 2014. (HEIDI HILBRUNN/STAFF)

DEMINT SEAT SEARCH BEGINS



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"I'm leaving the Senate now, but I'm not leaving the fight."

JIM DEMINT



U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint surprised many on Thursday when he announced he will resign from the Senate. (ALEX WONG/GETTY IMAGES)

WHO'S NEXT?

Haley faces big
decision on senator's
successor

By Mary Orndorff Troyan
and David Dykes

Staff writers

Jim DeMint said he will resign from the U.S. Senate next month, ending the political reign of a Greenville Republican who pursued conservative ideals without compromise and became a tea party voice.

His announcement was a surprise, given he has four years remaining in his second term. DeMint had said he wouldn't seek re-election in 2016.

But the suddenness of his decision to leave the Senate set off a scramble among Republicans and put the political spotlight on Gov. Nikki Haley, who will name his successor.

Haley said she's not going to appoint herself. Her spokesman, Rob Godfrey, declined to comment on who she might name.



Gov. Nikki Haley said she would not nominate herself to fill Sen. Jim DeMint's seat. (STAFF FILE)

APPOINTMENT PROCESS TO FILL U.S. SENATE SEAT

* State law gives the governor power to appoint a successor until Jan. 3 following the succeeding general

LOOKING AHEAD

Senate choice could
give hint about Haley's
political plans

By Tim Smith and Ron Barnett

Staff writers

COLUMBIA — Who Gov. Nikki Haley chooses to replace outgoing U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint could say as much about her own political plans as it does about what type of person should fill the state's second Senate seat, lawmakers, political experts and others say.

But one option much debated in political circles has been ruled out by the Republican governor.

Haley told radio listeners Thursday that she wouldn't arrange to appoint herself to the seat, Rob Godfrey, a spokesman, confirmed.

That option was considered political suicide by some, a viable choice by others.

"If you're Nikki Haley with a 37 percent approval rating, she's in the frying pan," state Democratic Party Chair-

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Pearl Harbor World War II veterans recall surprise attack 71 years later



Pictured are the battleships *West Virginia* and *Tennessee* burning after the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

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It was just another autumn day across the nation when reports started to trickle in, first by word of mouth, then over the radio.

Shock and disbelief filled the country as news of smoke billowing into the clouds and planes crashing down from the sky were recounted.

America was under siege from a foreign invader, from a small group that nobody ever expected. They had attacked American soil.

It's a familiar story to many today—but those events took place 71 years ago this morning. It was the day Pearl Harbor was attacked and a sleeping giant was awakened.

In New Jersey, Walter Chelchowski, now an Aiken resident, ran out of his high school classroom to hear the news coming over the radio.

"It was a shock, especially when



Chelchowski



Proctor

you see the damage that was done," Chelchowski recalled. "Who the hell would have thought that the Japanese would come from clear over there and sneak in on us. From that distance. Unbelievable, especially for a kid. It's vivid as hell. I can still see the damage."

"That's why everybody was signing up, they were angry and they wanted to get even."

Nearly 1,000 miles away, Julian Proctor sat in his grandmother's house in southern Georgia, but with no con-



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Walter Chelchowski was a New Jersey resident when he heard of the Pearl Harbor attack.

nection to the outside world, he was oblivious to the events taking place in the Pacific Ocean. He would find out



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Julian Proctor lived in Georgia when he learned of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

when he returned home the next day.

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DeMint resigning seat in Senate

BY DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press



DeMint

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"One of the most rewarding things I've done in the Senate is work with the grassroots to help elect a new generation of leaders who have the courage to fight for the principles of freedom that make this country so great," DeMint said in his statement announcing his departure. "I'm confident these senators will continue the legacy of conservative leaders before them."

DeMint also has sometimes been a thorn in the GOP side on legislation, just this week criticizing House Speaker John Boehner's "fiscal cliff" counteroffer to President Barack Obama that would raise tax revenue \$800 billion as crushing for American jobs.

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SRS security contractor changing management

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There are significant changes afoot within the parent company of Savannah River Site security contractor WSI SR.

GHS Government Solutions, formerly Wakenhut and WSI, announced this week that two veterans of the company have been moved into executive positions to "specifically help bridge new practices and protocols in the company's Department of Energy and

ing is not directly related to a security breach at the Y-12 Complex that led to WSI-Oak Ridge losing their contract with the NNSA. Rather, Henry stated that this is a "very natural progression" to formalize national communication lines within the private security contractor.

However, "all these things have come about following the July 28 incidents," Henry said.

On that date, three anti-nuclear weapons protesters allegedly cut through fences at the Y-12 National

Transform Now Plowshares, splashed human blood and spray-painted slogans on the Highly Enriched Uranium Materials Facility.

After the incident, security at the Y-12 Complex was questioned by many bodies, including a Congressional Committee.

The breach led to NNSA recommending WSI-Oak Ridge's contract be terminated. On the same day as their decision, WSI was fired.

The protesters, Sister Megan Rice, 37, Michael B. Watts, 63, and Greg

may face up to 35 years in prison, have pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The specific changes look to improve communication from East to West coast, Henry said.

Steve Hafner has been named chief operating officer of DOE Operations for GHS Government Solutions Inc. and Dave Bradley has been promoted to SVP and executive general manager. The team will specifically help bridge new practices and protocols in the company's DOE/NNSA operations.

Henry said that any impact Hafner's



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DeMint announces Senate resignation

WHAT IS THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION?

The Heritage Foundation is a nonprofit organization classified under tax laws as an educational institution. There, analysts work to shape conservative thought and influence legislation. Republican lawmakers, candidates and political operatives use its authoritative briefing papers and analysis, which are considered reliable.

Anti-government champion to run Heritage Foundation

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MORE INSIDE

Who will Gov. Nikki Haley appoint to fill Sen. DeMint's seat? Early names being discussed include U.S. Reps. Tim Scott, Mick Mulvaney and Trey Gowdy. **9A**



PILOT WHALE DIES ON HUNTING ISLAND SHORES



Fripp Islanders Whit Suber and his daughter Sarah, 13, right, take pictures Thursday afternoon of a pilot whale that died beaching itself on the Hunting Island side of the Fripp Island Bridge. "You know there was a problem the minute you saw it," said Suber, who noticed the whale swimming in circles close to shore earlier in the morning.

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In the end, there was nothing to do but handle the body gently.

A crane extended slowly over the Hunting Island marsh at the Fripp Island Bridge on Thursday evening. Workers slipped a rope over the 13-foot pilot whale's tail and gave the signal.

The glistening animal slowly rose, its huge body

turning clockwise as the crane eased it up and over the bridge, then carefully lowered it onto a trailer for a journey to Charleston.

The young whale was one of several that beached themselves on Lowcountry shores over the past two days, and researchers are seeking clues to what went wrong.

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S.C. DATA BREACH

Letters to be sent to victims next week

By ANDREW SHAIN

The (Columbia) State

COLUMBIA — South Carolinians will start receiving notification letters next week if their personal financial data was stolen in the massive cyber-attack at the S.C. Department of Revenue, Gov. Nikki Haley said Thursday.

Hackers took Social Security numbers and other sensitive information belonging to 3.8 million taxpayers with 19 million dependents, as well as nearly 700,000 businesses, in mid-September. The hacking is thought to be the largest-ever nationwide at a state agency.

The notification letters also will inform 3.3 million taxpayers whose bank account numbers were part of the theft.

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HARRELL APPOINTS 10 TO HACKING PANEL

House lawmakers — including state Reps. Andy Patrick, R-Hilton Head Island, and Shannon Erickson, R-Beaufort — have set up a panel to investigate ways to increase South Carolina's cyber-security after the hacking of millions of taxpayers' personal data.



Erickson

House Speaker Bobby Harrell said Thursday he had appointed 10 Republicans and Democrats to an investigative committee. Harrell said the panel will take testimony, give legislators a full report on what went wrong and make recommendations on how to better safeguard information.

In October, Gov. Nikki Haley announced that Department of Revenue computer servers had been hacked. The tab for her

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For video of the beached pilot whale, click on this story at beaufortgazette.com



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Vigil

Lighting candles in memory of loved ones, family and friends who had lost someone to violent crime came together at Morningside Baptist Church for the 22nd annual vigil sponsored by the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office. **PAGE C3**

Medicare costs

Americans are living longer, and Republicans want to raise the Medicare eligibility age as part of any deal to reduce the government's huge deficits. But what sounds like a prudent sacrifice for an aging society that must watch its budget could have some surprising consequences, including higher premiums for people on Medicare. **PAGE A3**

Complications

As the dawn of marijuana legalization arrives in Washington and Colorado, where similar laws passed last month, some genuinely complicated dilemmas now exist: How do you go about creating a functioning, legal weed market? How do you ensure adults the freedom to use pot responsibly, while keeping it away from teenagers? **PAGE A4**

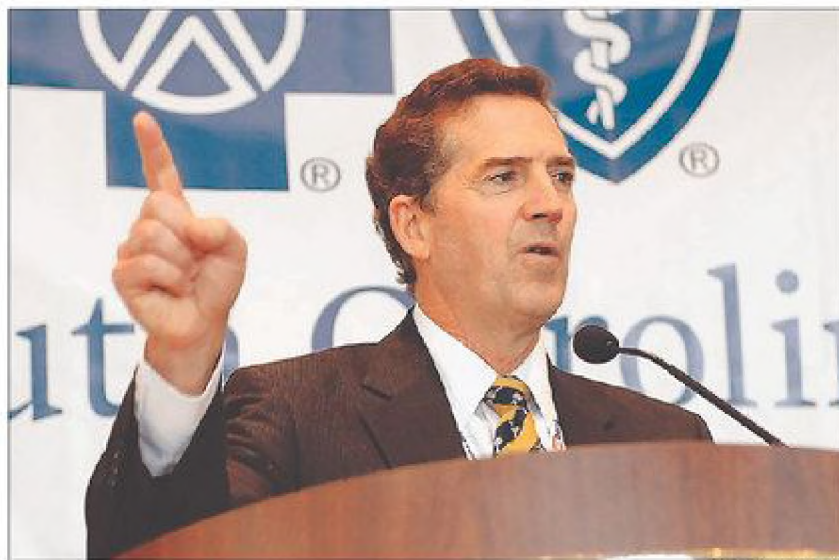
Gibbs honored

The Spartanburg Kiwanis Club named Jimmy Gibbs, a businessman, entrepreneur and philanthropist, its Citizen of the Year Thursday afternoon. **PAGE C1**

Feeding on faith

To feed the children of Israel as they journeyed in the desert, the Old Testament says God provided manna from heaven. But locally, He provided Lou Landrum, and she keeps the food coming as director of the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen. **PAGE E1**

DeMint resigns



TOM PRIDDY/STAFF FILE

U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.) speaks to the South Carolina delegation at the 2008 Republican National Convention in Minneapolis. DeMint surprised the political world on Thursday when he announced his resignation from the Senate, effective Jan. 1, to become head of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank in Washington.

Gowdy urges governor to appoint Scott or Mulvaney to Senate seat

By LEE G. HEALY AND
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The national political barometer has shifted to South Carolina as operatives speculate on who Gov. Nikki Haley will appoint to fulfill the unexpired term of U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint.

DeMint announced Thursday that he will resign effective Dec. 31 to lead the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C.

Speculation immediately turned to U.S. Rep. Tim Scott, who represents the first congressional district, and other members of the South Carolina congressional delegation, including Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-Spartanburg, and to "place holders" — such as Henry McMaster and David Wilkins — who could serve until voters selected a permanent replacement in 2014.

ment in 2014.

During a phone interview Thursday, Gowdy said he has not spoken to Haley regarding her selection, but he would urge her to appoint Scott or Rep. Mick Mulvaney.



Gowdy

"It's her decision and hers alone. She has not called and asked my opinion and has no obligation whatsoever to do so, but if she did, the two names I would give her are Tim Scott and Mick Mulvaney," Gowdy said.

Both, he said, have previously expressed interest in the job and have deep, true conservative values.

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SC senator who inspired tea party will lead Heritage Foundation

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The Associated Press

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Speculation abounds over who Haley's choice will be

By SEANNA ADCOX
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — The resignation of U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint gives Gov. Nikki Haley sole authority to choose South Carolina's next senator, and the only indication she made Thursday is that it won't be her.

Speculation abounds over who she might pick to fill the seat through 2014, when voters will choose someone to serve the remaining two years of DeMint's term. The name game began as soon as DeMint announced his

resignation, effective Jan. 1, to become president of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank.

Names tossed out as possibilities include the state's four congressmen recently re-elected to their second term.

Haley could make history by appointing Rep. Tim Scott. The former Charleston County Council chairman would become South

Carolina's first black U.S. senator ever and the chamber's first black Republican from the South since Reconstruction.

Scott, a former state House member, did not immediately respond to messages Thursday from The Associated Press.

But Rep. Trey Gowdy, a former prosecutor from Spartanburg, said Scott would be his top choice. He noted that Scott already has been



Scott



Haley

named to Ways and Means, the House's tax-writing committee.

"If she asked my opinion, I would tell her there are two members of the delegation I wished she would consider, and I'm not one of them," he said. Gowdy said the other would be Rep. Mick Mulvaney.

Mulvaney, former state representative and senator from Indian Land, said he was contemplating running to replace DeMint in 2016 anyway. DeMint had said he

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Teacher files suit vs. D50

Nov. 27 filing names superintendent, assistant superintendent



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Greenwood County School District 50 and two of its superintendents are the subjects of a lawsuit from a former elementary school teacher claiming her contractual and constitutional rights were violated when she was fired from the district.

In her lawsuit, third-grade teacher

Townsend Kirkland accuses the district, Superintendent Darrell Johnson and Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Randy Vaughn of breach of contract, violation of right to free speech, violation of procedural due process, slander and invasion of privacy, among others.

The suit was filed Nov. 27 with the court of common pleas of the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

A statement from the district said another

complaint was filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission alleging race discrimination.

Kirkland taught at Woodfields Elementary School until June 2012 when her employment was terminated. She started teaching at Woodfields in August 2010, and she was named the district's First Year Teacher of the Year for 2010-11.

According to the suit, Kirkland was called

to Vaughn's office May 17 regarding posts about a student's work the district discovered on her Facebook page.

The district said Kirkland posted a student's work "in a way that would have embarrassed the student," and negative comments were made on her page about the student.

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PAUL AGNEW

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Paul Agnew, left, receives the Order of the Palmetto, which is South Carolina's highest civilian honor, for his bipartisan service in the State House.

Longtime representative reflects on State House career

By FRANK BUMB
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ANDERSON

After a long, eight-year stint as the 11th District's representative in the South Carolina State House, Paul Agnew chose to step back from the bustle of political life in Columbia.

"When Paul told me he was retiring, I said 'Paul, you're the smartest man in Columbia,'

joked 7th District Rep. Mike Gambrell.

But before Agnew could begin enjoying the full fruits of his decision to not seek re-election, he was summoned to the Anderson County Legislative Delegation meeting Thursday evening. There, Agnew was presented the state's highest civilian honor: the Order of the Palmetto. The honor was given to Agnew for many years of service to his constituents and state in the State House. The award came along with a personal letter from Gov. Nikki Haley.

"It's a tremendous honor," said a visibly moved Agnew. "I really appreciate the kind words from Mike (Gambrell) and Governor Haley. I certainly didn't get an A on her report card."

While Agnew, a Democrat, drew laughter from some of the differences he had with Haley, a Republican, he repeatedly emphasized the importance of working across partisan lines as a legislator.

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DeMint resigns

Republican leaves to become president of conservative group

By SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press

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DeMint was first elected to the Senate in 2004 and easily re-elected six years later. He previously served in the U.S. House of Representatives for three terms.

"I'm leaving the Senate now, but I'm not leaving the fight. I've decided to join The Heritage Foundation at a time when the conservative movement needs strong leadership in the battle of ideas," DeMint, 61, said in a statement.

DeMint didn't respond to an interview request from the Associated Press.

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Humane Society of McCormick County named to state's Angels list

By JOSEPH SITARZ
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When Dianne Priest nominated

So imagine her surprise when the Humane Society of McCormick County was one of 10 organizations named to the secretary of state's 17th

cial reports submitted annually to the state office. Angels can also be nominated. An Angel must devote 80 percent

ing from grants and be registered with the Secretary of State to solicit funds in South Carolina. The Humane Society of McCormick

the Humane Society of McCormick County, which she wrote in about four hours.

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DeMint exits Senate to run think tank



By JAMES ROSEN
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Sen. Jim DeMint of South Carolina, who became a hero to conservative activists for his vehement anti-government voice and willingness to confront even fellow Republicans, surprised colleagues Thursday by saying he

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will resign from the Senate to run a influential think tank.

DeMint will leave Congress in the next month. This spring, he will take over the Heritage Foundation, an advocacy

group with which he has worked closely during his rise from a virtually unknown lawmaker to a conservative who bankrolled Senate candidates willing to defy party leaders in order to slash federal spending.

His exit frees the Senate Republican leaders from a frequent political irritant.

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WHAT IS THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION?

The Heritage Foundation is a nonprofit organization classified under tax laws as an educational institution. There, analysts work to shape conservative thought and influence legislation. Republican lawmakers, candidates and political operatives use its briefing papers and analyses.

ON HUNTING ISLAND

WHALE BEACHES, DIES

Incident part of series of such deaths from Beaufort to Charleston



SARAH WELLIVER • Staff photo

Fripp Islanders Whit Suber and his daughter Sarah, 13, right, take pictures Thursday afternoon of a pilot whale that died beaching itself on the Hunting Island side of the Fripp Island Bridge. "You knew there was a problem the minute you saw it," said Suber, who noticed the whale swimming in circles close to shore earlier in the morning.

HACKED S.C. TAX RETURNS

Letters to be sent to victims

Gov. Nikki Haley announced that residents will be notified starting next week if their financial data was stolen.

By ANDREW SHAIN

The (Columbia) State

COLUMBIA — South Carolinians will start receiving notification letters next week if their personal financial data was stolen in the massive cyber-attack at the S.C. Department of Revenue, Gov. Nikki Haley said Thursday.

Hackers took Social Security numbers and other sensitive information belonging to 3.8 million taxpayers with 19 million dependents, as well as nearly 700,000 businesses, in mid-September. The hacking is thought to be the largest ever nationwide at a state agency.

The notification letters also will inform 3.3 million taxpayers whose bank account numbers were part of the theft.

South Carolina banks and credit unions learned which accounts were involved in the breach this week and have flagged those accounts to

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WHAT TO DO

If you see a stranded whale, call 1-800-922-5431 to report it to the Department of Natural Resources. Do not attempt to move the whale. You risk injuring yourself and the animal.

ON THE WEB

To view a video of the whale, click on this story at islandpacket.com.

By ERIN MOODY

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IN the end, there was nothing to do but handle the body gently. A crane extended slowly over the Hunting Island marsh at the Fripp Island Bridge on Thursday evening. Workers slipped a rope over the 13-foot pilot whale's tail and gave the signal. The glistering animal slowly rose, its huge body turning clockwise as the crane eased it up and over the bridge, then carefully lowered it

onto a trailer for a journey to Charleston.

The young whale was one of several that beached themselves on Lowcountry shores over the past two days, and researchers are seeking clues to what went wrong.

"The more we know about it, then we can try to piece the puzzle together as to why these animals might have stranded," said Wayne McFee, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration marine biologist.

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REPS. PATRICK, ERICKSON ON S.C. HACKING PANEL

House lawmakers — including state Reps. Andy Patrick, R-

Hilton Head Island, and Shannon Erickson, R-Beaufort — have set up a panel to investigate ways to increase

South Carolina's cybersecurity after the hacking of millions of taxpayers' data.



Patrick



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Robbery attempt ends in Second Loop crash

Pamplico man faces charges after police chase ends in six-car pileup

From staff reports

FLORENCE — A Pamplico man faces five charges following an attempted robbery, police pursuit and six-vehicle crash Thursday afternoon in Florence.

Jason Eugene Brock, of 288 E. Bazen Road, is charged with attempted strong arm robbery, felony DUI, failure to stop for blue lights, leaving the scene of an accident with an occupied vehicle and having an open container in his vehicle, said Maj. Carlos Raines of the Florence Police Department.

The incident started when a suspect tried to take a deposit from a person in the parking lot at Bank of America at Palmetto and Irby streets, Raines said.

The victim struggled, the suspect didn't get the money and the victim ran into the bank and called the police.

A Florence police officer on Edisto Drive spotted the suspect's vehicle, a green pickup truck, and chased it down Edisto Drive and then west on Second Loop.

The chase ended in a six-vehicle crash on Second Loop at South Cashua Drive — one of Florence's more heavily traveled

intersections.

The suspect was apprehended by police at the scene of the wreck.

The crash blocked the intersection for much of the early afternoon as the crash was investigated by the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

Several victims were transported from the scene for treatment of their injuries.

Though Florence police vehicles appeared to not have been involved directly in the crash, the S.C. Highway Patrol is investigating because of the department's involvement in the chase.



Florence Police Maj. Carlos Raines (left) speaks with Paul Davidson, who was involved in a multi-vehicle wreck caused when a robbery suspect attempted to elude police Thursday at West Second Loop Road and South Cashua Street.

TRIBUTE IN LIGHT



PHOTOS BY JOHN D. RUSSELL/MORNING NEWS

Joiah Baker (right) looks at the lights while holding a candle Thursday during the 27th annual "A Light for Someone You Love" McLeod Hospice tree lighting ceremony. The annual event, sponsored by the McLeod Foundation, helps fund McLeod Hospice and symbolizes hope to hospice patients and their families. LEFT: Those gathered hold candles Thursday during the ceremony. McLeod Hospice serves patients in Florence, Darlington, Dillon, Lee, Marion, Clarendon and Williamsburg counties.



NC man discovers his father's link to Pearl Harbor

The Associated Press

Mike Moore shares a photo of his father, Charlie, who was a World War II veteran and who told him...



GOLDSBORO, N.C. — He didn't say much about their discovery — the man whose young sons were taking turns trying on their find in the attic of the family home.

They had no idea that there was a story behind that outfit — that their father, Charlie, nearly died in it when America fell under attack Dec. 7, 1941.

Charlie was leaving a dining hall when the sound of aircraft approaching prompted him to

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GOP senator to head conservative think tank

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I-73 project still spinning its wheels

Latest study of earlier studies dilutes findings

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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FLORENCE — A new study of several studies regarding the development of transportation routes to Myrtle Beach reveals multiple findings that invalidate and dilute





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South Carolina State University trustee Dr. Walter L. Tobin addresses the board on Thursday, with trustee Patricia Lott pictured in the foreground. Both have been elected chairman of the board, and no resolution is in sight.

Work goes on at S.C. State as SACS questions leadership

By DALE UNDER-ALTMAN
T&D Staff Writer

Resolving the issue of who is the legitimate chairman of the South Carolina State University Board of Trustees became more urgent recently when the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools questioned the board's governance policies.

Since October, there have been two chairmen elected on two separate occasions: Dr. Walter L. Tobin and Patricia Lott. Trustees disagree which of the two should be chairman under the board's bylaws.

Tobin, who presided over the board's Thursday meeting, said the university has received a letter from SACS Vice President Dr. Rudy Jackson. SACS accredits schools and colleges in 11 Southern states and beyond.

"It said that under the comprehensive standards, he had a question about our governance. He didn't say we violated it. He said he had a question about it," Tobin said.

"We wrote him back, saying that we did not believe we had

violated standards," he said.

However, Jackson called Interim President Dr. Cynthia Warrick about the issue.

"He indicated that he received Dr. Tobin's letter," Warrick said. "He said a letter would be forthcoming and that we would have to respond to that letter by Jan. 8."

Tobin said he hopes and trusts that the question of board leadership will be resolved by January.

Trustees Anthony Grant and Dr. John Corbitt called for the board to resolve the issue at Thursday's meeting.

"I want us to address it as soon as possible and I want us to move forward because we have many, many more issues that are far more important than who's going to be chairman of the board," Grant said.

However, Tobin noted that the issue was not on the agenda and asked trustees to work on the issues at hand.

"We all know we've got to deal with these issues," Grant said. "But for the good of the



LARRY HARRIS/ISO
South Carolina State University is developing an 87,000-square-foot engineering and computer science complex.

Zeus, SCSU to partner on lab

By GENE ZALESKI
T&D Staff Writer

South Carolina State University will be working with Orangeburg's Zeus Industries to develop its on-campus engineering lab.

Zeus scientists will help S.C. State design and eventually establish a research laboratory,

Interim President Cynthia Warrick informed university trustees on Thursday.

"We are really excited about this new relationship with the Zeus company and the expectation that this will deliver some fruitful relationship in the future," Warrick

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DeMint to quit Senate

Republican leaving to head think tank

By SEANNA ADCOX
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Locals see Rep. Scott as possible successor

By LEE HENDREN
T&D Government Writer

The timing of U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint's resignation came as somewhat of a surprise, but local business and political leaders say they can understand his decision to accept the presidency of a conservative think tank.

"I thought he might have served his term out, but at some point you've got to make decisions about what's best for your long-term future and what you want to do," said state Sen. John Matthews, D-Bowman.

Rep. Jerry N. Govan Jr., D-Orangeburg, agreed. "He did what was in his best interests when an opportunity availed itself. It's a well-known conservative think tank that will fit within his future professional goals. You can't fault him for that."

Speculation immediately began about who Gov. Nikki

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